



City of New Haven

Meeting Minutes Finance Committee

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Thursday, March 13, 2025

6:00 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting can be viewed on Board of Alders YouTube.

Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 13th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 165 Church St., New Haven to hear the following:

A workshop to review portions of the Annual City Budgets proposed for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2025. The following City Departments will be heard:

City/Town Clerk
Mayor's office
Registrar of Voters
Fair Rent Commission
Assessor's office
Department of Finance/Other
Office of Policy & Grants
Board of Alders
Corporation Counsel

These items are filed in the Office of Legislative Services, 165 Church Street., 2nd floor, New Haven. Per order: Hon. Adam Marchand, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

If you need a disability related accommodation, please call three business days in advance 946 7651 (voice) or 946 8582 (TTY).

Public comment/testimony may also be submitted via email to publictestimony@newhavenct.gov before 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

Alder Marchand, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., March 13, 2025, in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Alds. Marchand, DeCola, Ferraro-Santana, Morrison, Walker-Myers, Festa, Furlow, H. Smith, and S. Punzo. Also present were Alders C. Smith, Redente, and Hogan.

1. A workshop to review portions of the Annual City Budgets proposed for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2025. The following City Departments will be heard:

a. City Clerk: Michael Smart, City Clerk, Ron Gizzi, Project Coordinator OPMG, came before the committee. Mr. Smart spoke to the committee.

No questions were asked.

b. Mayor's Office: Sean Mattison, Chief of Staff, came before the committee. Mr. Mattison spoke to the committee.

Alder H. Smith asked if there were any new positions in the Mayor's office. Mr. Mattison said there were not any new positions.

No further questions were asked.

c. Registrar of Voters: Shannel Evans, Democratic Registrar of Voters, and Lisa Malone, Republican Registrar of Voters, came before the Committee. Ms. Evans spoke about their budget.

Alder Festa asked why the overtime budget had been increased. Ms. Evans explained the increase.

No further questions were asked.

d. Fair Rent: Wildaliz Bermudez, Director of Fair Rent, and Ron Gizzi, Project Coordinator OPMG came before the committee. Ms. Bermudez spoke about her departments budget request.

Alder Walker-Myers asked how many tenet unions there were in the city. Ms. Bermudez said there were seven unions.

No further questions were asked.

e. Assessor's Office: Alex Pullen, Acting Assessor, came before the committee. Mr. Pullen spoke on his department's budget request.

No questions were asked.

f. Finance/Other: Kristy Sampieri, Controller, Ron Gizzi, Project Coordinator OPMG, and Michael Simeone, Chief Technical Officer, came before the committee. Dr. Sampieri spoke to the committee followed by Mr. Simeone who spoke about the Capital Projects.

Alder Festa asked them to explain the difference between capital and general funds for software. Mr. Gizzi explained the difference.

Alder Marchand asked them to explain the other departments under Finance. Mr. Gizzi did so.

Alder Festa asked them to explain the changes in Debt Service. Mr. Gizzi explained.

Alder Punzo asked if the IT Capital funds included the Board of Education. Dr. Sampieri said they did not.

No further questions were asked.

g. Office of Policy, Management, and Grants. Ron Gizzi, Project Coordinator OPMG,

came before the committee. Mr. Gizzi spoke about their budget request.

Alder Marchand asked him to explain the capital project requests. Mr. Gizzi did so.

No further questions were asked.

h. Corporation Counsel: Patricia King, Corporation Counsel, Rodrick Williams, Deputy Corporation Counsel, and Michelle Duprey, from Corporation Counsels office, Ms. King spoke about the departments budget request.

No questions were asked.

i. Board of Alders/Legislative Services: Albert Lucas, Director of Legislative Services, came before the committee. Mr. Lucas spoke to the committee concerning the budget request.

No questions were asked.

At 8:00 PM, Alder Festa, seconded by DeCola, to close the meeting. The committee voted unanimously in favor of this action.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services.

The meeting was also recorded on Board of Alders You Tube page.

Respectfully submitted,

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